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SUBJ: MODERATING YUGOSLAV INFLUENCE ON PORTUGAL: INTERNAL  
PORTUGUESE POLITICAL SITUATION

1. DURING AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR  
(RAMOS DA COSTA), LATTER INDICATED THAT YUGOSLAVS HAVE  
COUNSELED PATIENCE AND RESTRAINT WITH RESPECT TO PORTUGUESE  
RELATIONSHIP WITH NATO AND HAVE NOT TRIED TO INDUCE PORTUGAL  
TO MOVE AWAY FROM NATO TOWARDS A NON-ALIGNED STANCE. HE  
ATTRIBUTED YUGOSLAV VIEW TO THEIR PERCEPTION THAT PORTUGAL  
ALREADY HAS ENOUGH INTERNAL PROBLEMS.

2. IN DISCUSSION OF PORTUGUESE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE RAMOS DA COSTA  
SAID THERE WERE NO COMMUNISTS AMBASSADORS IN SERVICE.  
APPARENTLY GOP'S ORIGINAL CHOICE FOR AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW WAS  
REJECTED BY SOVIETS AS INSTANCE OF PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY  
BECUASE CANDIDATE WAS A SOCIALIST. IN RESULTING COMPROMISE  
A NON-COMMUNIST, NON-SOCIALIST LEFISTS OF SAME POLITICAL  
PERSUASION OF AMBASSADOR WHO WAS SENT TO HAVANA WAS CHOSEN  
FOR MOSCOW.

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3. THE PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR STATED THAT IN A MEETING WITH HIS PRESIDENT IN APRIL HE RECEIVED CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI WAS WELL REGARDED IN PORTUGAL AS A MAN WHO COULD BE TRUSTED.

4. ON INTERNAL PORTUGUESE AFFAIRS RAMOS DA COSTA SEEMED QUITE CONFIDENT ABOUT SURVIVAL OF SOCIALIST PARTY (OF WHICH HE IS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS) AND OF DEMOCRATIC PROCEDURESE IN PORTUGAL. HE DID NOT THINK THAT THE SOCIALISTS HAD COTTONED UP ENOUGH TO THE MILITARY BUT FELT THAT THE FIGHT OVER THE NEWSPAPER CLOSING WAS AN ESSENTIAL ONE.  
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